

NOAH'S DOVE; with a green Olive-Leaf, OR,

The National Covenant, and Solemn League Renewed.

That it was Antecedently a Duty, before it was made and sworn, delineated and proved
To what; and how far it was Obligatory.

*Zechariah Ch. 14: He shall be King over all the Earth! His Name ONE. John 17: 11: v: Christ's
mouth prays for a specifick Union.*

Ostogesimus, Octavus, mirabilis Annus,
Clade Papistarum faustus ubique piis.

To the suffering Remnant, of the Protestant Reformed Church in Scotland.

THE BIBLE assures us, *The Earth shall disclose her Dead, and no more cover her slain. The Widows bloody napkin crys, how long!* GODS book is by Him, and His bottle by Him, He will hold a Court of Oppression, *Psalm 9*. Antichrist has carried the Grapes of Christs Flesh into the Wine-preis of the wrath of GOD, and squeezed it by wicked men, who are GODS Hands and his Sword, *sayeth David*, yet he keeps the handle in his own hand: Tho no simple National or Personal interest, can answer the great Design of God either in his Glorious Manifestation! or Marvellous Dispensation, a *Wheel in a Wheel*, and *Hand under the Wing*, or by *Blazing Comet*; in the 1681: and 1682: whereon we observed, then in Print, what was relative to the rise, reign, ruine of the man of sin. Yet as *Israel* a chosen Family of old, so other nations since may be said, to be more dear, and near GOD! Whom He brings into the school of Correction, when others are brought into the place of Execution, else we had been as *Sodom*; witness that famous *Bohemian Martyr*, a Noble Man, ardently in prison, imploring the *Mediator* for a sign of that poor Churches Restoration, and accordingly a *Rain-Bow* appeared over the Execution place; and he sung that *Psalm 85. 17*. A symptome that GOD will rake up the Ashes of that Church, as Ours upon these Considerations.

Con: 1. We were previously bound to extirpat Popery, which is *Idolatry*, overturning the Foundation of Religion, either in flat terms, or by consequence of the *Cassandrian Doctrine*, whose *League* makers we enervat, in that Book printed in 1685: Entituled, *Scotland pulling down the gates of Rome*: Proving the difficulty of the Salvation of a *Papist* living and dying in *Perjury* and *Idolatry*. *Thess: 2 Ch: 11: v:* No Faith, no Covenant, keep either to GOD, or Man, but kill, murder and destroy, such truculent practices are Mercenary duties, witness their own *Patriots*, and the *Jesuits* morals.

Con: 2. Prelacy in Scotland, is a bitter Sprig of the same Tree, springing from the verge of the *Civil Roman Empire*, as Learned *Burnet* and *Baxter* delineats! It's true the University of *Salmon* say: that there is no model of *Primitive Church discipline*, but that God hath left, in *equilibrio* to humane choice. (When all Divines agree, that the Essentials of a *Church Officer*, are in ruling as well as teaching.) But they afterwards check themselves in a Recantation. The *Laws of England*, lay, we grant, and we give to the *Clergy*, the Title of *Lords, Jure Carolino*, but go near, to make it Treason, if they should plead *Jure Divino*, tho we, derogate, nothing from the *Bishops of Englands* due worth: resembling in their Lives more the *Scripture Bishop* then ours! Pious *Usher* calls himself *Primus Presbyterorum*. Yet their Famous Historian, *Holinshad* commensurates the dimentions of the *Primitive Bishops*, according to their Pastoral Relation; *unus Episcopus* was the note of their individination. And *Ignatius* requires to know, their flock by name, denominating their Church, *Fraternity, Consociation, or Presbytery*. Taking *Episcopacy* or oversight willingly! *Pamelius, Albaspienus*. Hence there is no Delegation, of teaching and ruling Power, establishing *non residency*: Can the *Privy Seal* of a Nation delegat his Charge, *Christs Royal Priesthood*, to the hands of *Hirelings*, whose sword is on their right Arm, and right Eye utterly Darkned Which we have discussed in the *Discipline of Christian Religion*, Printed in the 84 So that a *Scripture Bishop*, is nothing else save a *Preses* or *Speaker* in a *Parliament*, else its *Oligarchical Tyranny*! Thus of the Authority which the Lord hath given to us not for destruction, but for your Edification against Popery which is Idolatry, Prelacy, Perjury, Toleration, a Grave for Reformation.

Con: 3. We do not retreat from a positive *Divine Law*, to a *Covenant Law*, Save when *Zophus* and *Israel* Prince and People, enter in a *Solemn Covenant*, the breach whereo

in Perjury and Bloodshed; GOD avengerth and expiateh by a Thunderbolt of his wrath on the race of *Saul* for many years after. As also *Almerick King of Jerusalem, Vladislaus* breaketh Covenant with the *Turks, Herold last King of the Danes in England!* Nor can we sheler our selves by the Irregularities of *Joshuas Covenant*, for they do not annihilat the Obligation; it being only the sinfullnes of the matter sworn, not the circumstances converlant about the Act of Swearing. Tho' *Jephicha* should be robbed of their dearest delighis and *Zedekiah*, belieged with Tumults within and Warrs without! Heaken Bishop *Hall*, the facilite of *Israel*, led them into a Covenant, yet most they not infringe their Oath, &c. King *Charles 1st.* advises to kcep Covenant in all Just wayes to his Son King *Charles the 2d.* The Kirk of Scotland was unite 54 years by means of Discipline. Learned Bishop *Sanderson* grants the vanity of that Distinction: Relaxation of the matter and of the Oath! But some say, a King cannot be under the Laws of Federacy. But say I, how then is he under the Laws of Matrimonie.

Con: My will contracts according to what my knowledge reacheth: mutually espousing Persons, Lives, Goods, &c. The Commons Espouling, the Minitters, in rescuing them from Death: tho we have been Eye Witness to the Pillaging, Rbbing, yea Murdering 1500 and 51 men, 9 Women; within these 27 years who sealed this with their Blood. We shall for Antiquity of Presberty, refer you to the convyance of Presberty done by us. Hence to be the witness to those Barbarities, where Mens hearts were shot thorow their Backs, and Noses shot thorow their Necks, in the open Field, and many died in the Mountains, and not in their station. To affit made us as guilty as we had been the Actors; And this we may read love in GODS Hear, yet there is wrath in His Hands (till we humble our selves under the Mighty Hand of GOD, by sincere Fasting and Prayer) seeing a volumn betwixt the Sun and the Earth could not contain our Perjuries, Apostacys, &c. Christs dethroning supremacy, yea, exquisite tortoring by Boots, by Pricks, Thumikens, and fire matche's, drowning Women very young, of some exceeding Aged. Yet sure I am: Tho' I cannot Determine, whether it shall be by a Formal Sworn Covenant: or more Glorious Manifestation: that CHRIST shall be a Crowned King over his Church: against Papists, Atheists, Anabaptists. Yea that Scotsmen, shill darken the Seat of the Beast, the Revelation alluding to *Scotizes* in the Greek Language.

Thus have we cleared the lawfulness of the Covenant, against Popery, Prelacy, Toleration, that Popish sugarplumb, betraying the Mediatory glory of CHRIST, into the hands of Tyrany, and Lawles Liberty: Yet are 44. Ministers who did not accept it, only among the causes of GODS Wrath, we fear, 1 Kings 20. 43. Because thou let the man go whom I pointed to utter destruction.

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